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SUBJECT: COCA CONTROL INITIATIVE

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1. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY GOP'S APPARENT SERIOUS INTEREST
IN TRYING TO BRING COCA CULTIVATION UNDER CONTROL TO PRE-
VENT ITS DIVERSION TO COCAINE PRODUCTION. THERE NOW APPEARS
TO BE A BASIS FOR MOVING AHEAD WITH THE GOP TO TRY TO
DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM THAT WE COULD SUPPORT.
SINCE THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GOP MIGHT CONSIDER
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ENFORCING COCA CONTROLS AT AN EARLY STAGE WE WOULD BE

WILLING TO CONSIDER WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR SUCH ENFORCEMENT EVEN BEFORE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM COULD BE DEVELOPED OR IMPLEMENTED.

2. THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL (LIMA 07879 PARA 14) SETS FORTH BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM MOST OF WHICH WE FIND ACCEPTABLE. IT SHOULD-SET THE CONTEXT FOR DEVELOPING A PLAN OF ACTION.

3. YOU MAY DISCUSS THE FOREGOING WITH GOP AND DEVELOP A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR THE VISIT BY OUR EXPERTS TO BEGIN PREPARATORY TALKS. EVEN BEFORE THAT VISIT WE BELIEVE THE EMBASSY AND GOP COULD BEGIN TO COLLECT AND REVIEW EXISTING STUDIES ON THE COCA ISSUE. THE TEAM WOULD INCLUDE AN EXPERT ON TRAINING TO DISCUSS THE POINTS IN THAT PART OF THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL.

4. CONCERNING THE ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL, WE BELIEVE THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL HAS MERIT. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO COVER THE EXPENSES (TRANSPORTATION AND LODGING) FOR THE FIRST MEETING. WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO MAKE A COMMITMENT NOW TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION AS A PERMANENT INSTITUTION WITH ITS OWN SECRETARIAT. THAT QUESTION, WE SUGGEST, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION BY THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL AT THE FIRST MEETING. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE FIRST MEETING BE LIMITED TO THE PRINCIPAL PRODUCING, TRAFFICKING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES: PERU, BOLIVIA, ECUADOR, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, CANADA AND THE U.S. INVITING OTHER COUNTRIES TO JOIN COULD BE SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA. MID-OCTOBER, WE BELIEVE, IS TOO NEAR TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND WE WOULD PREFER NOW TO LEAVE THE DATE TO BE WORKED OUT ON THE BASIS EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS. WE AGREE LIMA WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE SITE.

5. WE BELIEVE, AS GOP APPARENTLY INTENDS, COCAINE PROBLEM SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED AS PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF MEETING TO DISPEL NOTIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY ARE BEING EXCLUDED FROM A MEETING OF DIRECT IMPORTANCE TO THEM.

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